

The members of VFW Post 711 remind us that the loyal, patriotic citizen expects no great reward for coming to his country's aid. On the contrary, a devoted patriot seeks only that his country flourishes.

When it comes to honoring their country, their faith, and their comrades, the veterans of post 711 have demonstrated both the wisdom to know the right thing to do, and the will to do it. Truly, they have lived up to the obligations of loyalty, patriotism, and service.

To be a loyal citizen means to achieve a high standard of caring seriously about the well-being of one's Nation. I am proud to honor and praise VFW, Post 711 for exceeding this standard. Congratulations for your 75 year history of community pride and American patriotism.

AGRICULTURAL WATER DELIVERY ACT

HON. MICHAEL D. CRAPO

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 1996

Mr. CRAPO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation to help remedy a problem that is particularly burdensome to the water delivery companies in the West. Like many seasonal businesses, complying with the Fair Labor Standards Act has become a huge burden to both water delivery companies and their employees.

Irrigation has never nor will it ever be a 40 hour a week job. During peak agricultural months, water must be managed and delivered continually. Later in the year, the work load is light, consisting mainly of maintenance duties. Time off and winter compensation have been the methods of compensating for overtime during these peak agricultural months. Instead of being allowed to offer their employees winter compensation or time off, water delivery companies must now lay off water delivery personnel after the peak agricultural months.

Under current law, contained at 29 U.S.C., sec 213(b)(12), an exemption from the maximum hour requirement exists for employees hired to work in conjunction with water delivery companies that deliver water "exclusively" for agricultural use. This exemption was designed specifically to address the unique problems faced by water delivery companies when complying with the Fair Labor Standards Act.

Under the current interpretation of the law, water delivery organizations must deliver their water "exclusively" for agricultural purposes to qualify. For many water delivery organizations who deliver a small portion of their water for nonagricultural purposes, this interpretation has been disastrous. They are unable to benefit from the exemption even though it was designed with water delivery companies in mind.

I am introducing legislation that would expressly set the requirement of water to be ultimately delivered for agriculture purposes at 75 percent. This adjustment more accurately reflects the realities of agricultural water delivery. It would also benefit agricultural employees by making it possible for employers to provide them with year-round compensation rather than seasonal wages.

IN HONOR OF CARMEN MALDONADO: WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 1996

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Carmen Maldonado, a woman of distinguished character and grace. The Puerto Rican Society of Elizabeth, Inc. will honor her with its Woman of the Year Award on April 28 in Linden, NJ.

Mrs. Maldonado arrived in New York from her native Puerto Rico in 1950. While living in New York, she met and married Sal Maldonado and later moved to Elizabeth with their children Edgar, Joseph, Carmen, and Edna Isabel. Shortly thereafter, Mrs. Maldonado began working with the Elizabeth Board of Education. For a quarter of a century, she has dedicated herself to improving our educational system. As a liaison between the community and the school district, Mrs. Maldonado interacts with the students, parents, and teachers to create a better environment for our school children.

Mrs. Maldonado genuinely cares about her community. She dedicates her energy to various community services that aid the citizens of Elizabeth. For example, Mrs. Maldonado devotes her time to improving city services for the elderly as a board member of Community Services for Senior Citizens. Her charitable commitment to the community does not stop there. She is also involved in improving the educational needs of the adult community, an active member of P.R.O.C.E.E.D., Inc. and president of the local Y.M.C.A. With her busy schedule as a full time mother and career woman, Mrs. Maldonado still finds time to help her community.

In addition, Mrs. Maldonado is a member of other organizations, including the Puerto Rican Society of Elizabeth, Inc. and Saint Patrick's School and Church. Over the course of her distinguished career, Mrs. Maldonado has won many awards. She has been honored by the Hispanic Association of Saint Patrick's and has received the Elizabeth Port Pride Day Good Neighbor Award.

Mrs. Maldonado's commitment to the people of Elizabeth exemplifies the true meaning of compassion, dedication, and service. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mrs. Carmen Maldonado, an outstanding individual.

IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF FOSTER CITY

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 1996

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on the 25th anniversary of the founding of Foster City, CA to pay tribute to the city and its citizens for building an exemplary community.

Foster City was originally founded and developed by T. Jack Foster. In 1960 he acquired the 4 square miles known as Brewers Island in order to begin building a vision that today we honor as a dream fulfilled. The original concept was to develop a balanced com-

munity able to function physically, economically, and socially to meet the needs and desires of its residents.

A massive construction operation was necessary to convert the land into a new city of the future. Eighteen million cubic yards of fill were necessary to provide gradient for the storm water runoff and cover for the utility lines as well as support for the buildings. Two hundred and thirty acres of lagoons had to be created to collect the storm water and hold it for pumping into the Bay. Drinking water was later brought to Foster City through the City of San Mateo from the San Francisco water system.

Foster City faced a number of adversities both political and physical. The engineering challenge of creating Foster City from the marshlands of Brewer's Island required enormous financial backing, but this did not deter its developers. For 5 years the Foster City Community Association fought an intense legal battle with the district board to obtain incorporation of the city. Despite the daunting task, the citizens of Foster City overcame the mire of bureaucracy to deliver on a promise that T. Jack Foster had originally envisioned. On April 27, 1971 Foster City was incorporated thus establishing a council/city manager form of local government with a five member city council. By 1971 there were more than 10,000 residents of this emerging community, and they voted to incorporate as a city. Since that time, public facilities, commercial developments, and new homes have continued to be built.

Foster City is a community of people dedicated to the purpose of education and maintaining the quality of life of the community. In keeping with these commitments, 1996 marks the opening of a new library, a remodeled recreation center, and an updated Brewer Island Elementary School. Foster City remains a planned community today—dedicated to the fundamental values that ultimately enrich America as a whole.

Today, Foster City is widely regarded in the San Francisco Bay Area as one of the pre-eminent communities in which to live. Prosperity has come with stability. It is the proud home of over 30,000 people. It is especially meaningful for me to be able to rise today on behalf of each of those citizens to pay tribute to the city they call home.

Mr. Speaker, on this day, I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring the celebration of Foster City's Silver Anniversary, and I invite my colleagues to join me in congratulating the community of Foster City for its admirable accomplishments and outstanding determination.

TRIBUTE TO FRANK GARCIA

HON. ROBERT K. DORNAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 1996

Mr. DORNAN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize an outstanding individual who resides in my district, Francisco "Frank" J. Garcia. Frank was recently recognized by the Points of Light Foundation for his exceptional community service, 1 of just 20 recipients of the prestigious 1996 President's Service Award.

Frank is a local restaurant owner in Anaheim, CA. His restaurant, La Casa Garcia, is

actually located just across the street from my district office. Everyone just raves about the food there. In fact, the Orange County Register has recognized La Casa Garcia for serving the best Mexican food in the area.

But what's amazing is this, Mr. Speaker. Since 1987, Frank has served more than 50,000 needy individuals at his restaurant with free, home-cooked meals on Thanksgiving Day. In fact, just last year, Frank led 500 volunteers to serve a complete Thanksgiving dinner to needy people throughout our community. He organized the event, collected the food through donations and wholesale prices, and recruited the necessary volunteers to make the whole day a success.

Frank has so much to be proud of. The President's Service Award, established back in 1982, is the most prestigious award ever presented for community service. The winners are honored not only for their own outstanding work, but also as representatives of volunteers in every community nationwide. The award recognizes individuals who have performed outstanding work in public safety, education, environmental protection, and humanitarian aid.

In a recent news article in our local paper, Frank noted that "everybody needs to take pride in themselves. We all should support each other." These are powerful words that emulate the kind of life all Americans should lead.

Mr. Speaker, Frank Garcia is a shining example of the American spirit and an exemplary inspiration to us all. His outstanding public service has set a high standard for others to follow. I want to congratulate him for this honor and thank him for serving his fellow man so selflessly. May God bless him and reward him for his kindness and generosity.

HONORING THE SOUTH ALLEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 1996

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I am taking this opportunity to applaud the invaluable services provided by the South Allen Volunteer Fire Department. These brave, civic-minded people give freely of their time so that we may all feel safer at night.

Few realize the depth of training and hard work that goes into being a volunteer firefighter. To quote one of my local volunteers, "These firemen must have an overwhelming desire to do for others while expecting nothing in return."

Preparation includes twice-monthly training programs in which they have live drills, study the latest videos featuring the latest in firefighting tactics, as well as attend seminars where they can obtain the knowledge they need to save lives. Within a year of becoming a volunteer firefighter, most attend the Tennessee Fire Training School in Murfreesboro, where they undergo further, intensified training.

When the residents of my district go to bed at night, they know that should disaster strike and their home catch fire, well-trained and qualified volunteer fire departments are ready and willing to give so graciously and gener-

ously of themselves. This peace of mind should not be taken for granted.

By selflessly giving of themselves, they ensure a safer future for us all. We owe these volunteer fire departments a debt of gratitude for their service and sacrifice.

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL J. ZALEWSKI

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 1996

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to an outstanding young man from my district, Michael J. Zalewski, who was recently honored for academic excellence at St. Rita High School.

During St. Rita's academic awards banquet, Mr. Zalewski, a senior bound for the University of Illinois, was recognized nine times for his scholastic achievements. He was cited as a member of the St. Rita 1996 Academic All-Stars, a winner of the 1996 Heeney Award, as an Illinois State scholar, and as a recipient of the Presidential Educational Award.

Mr. Zalewski was named as a member of the Gold Honor Roll at St. Rita, the JETS Science Team, the National Honor Society, and was listed in "Who's Who Among American High School Students." In addition, he received the U.S. Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence Award.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Michael J. Zalewski, and of course his parents, Michael R. and Millie Zalewski, on his academic achievements, and extend to him, as well as the members of the Class of '96, my best wishes for much success in the future.

IN HONOR OF EDWARD "ROY" HUELBIG: A TRUE AMERICAN HERO

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 1996

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Edward "Roy" Huelbig, an exceptional individual, who had distinguished himself through tireless dedication to the veterans, firefighters, and police officers of his community in Hoboken and throughout the State of New Jersey. Mr. Huelbig will be honored for his numerous years of service by United Cerebral Palsy of Hudson County at a ceremony at the F.A. McKenzie American Legion Post 165 in Bayonne, NJ on April 27.

Mr. Huelbig's record of service to helping others began in Hoboken, where he was born and raised. He attended Our Lady of Grace Grammar School and St. Michael's High School in my hometown of Union City. When the Nation called, Mr. Huelbig answered by entering the U.S. Army in 1943, where he served in the European theater of operations during World War II. For his steadfast bravery in combat, Mr. Huelbig was awarded four battle stars and a Purple Heart.

Upon returning to the United States, Mr. Huelbig was appointed to the Hoboken Fire Department in 1948, which benefited from his

valuable contributions as a firefighter for over 25 years. After retiring from a position with the A-P-A Trucking Co. in 1986, Mr. Huelbig devoted his time to a number of charitable organizations. Mr. Huelbig's expertise in community involvement has been an invaluable resource for a number of groups throughout the State. While Mr. Huelbig serves as secretary of the Retired Police and Fireman's Association, it is the veterans of New Jersey who owe Mr. Huelbig the greatest debt of gratitude. He is chairman of the Hoboken Elks Lodge 74 Veterans' Committee which "adopts" five individuals at the Veterans Home of Paramus by celebrating birthdays and Christmas with them, in addition to organizing field trips to sporting events. A past commander, Mr. Huelbig now serves as legislative chairman of the Disabled American Veterans Hoboken Chapter 8, which helps raise funds for the five veterans hospitals in New Jersey.

Even though Mr. Huelbig has exhibited a tremendous commitment to community organizations, the main focus of his life has been his family. He was married to the former Ellen Lynsky who passed away in November 1985. Mr. Huelbig is the father of three children: a daughter, Kerryann Ganter, and two sons, Kevin and Roy Huelbig. He is also the proud grandfather of five.

It is an honor to have such an outstanding and dedicated individual as Edward "Roy" Huelbig residing in my district. His efforts are testimony to the fact that one person can make a difference in the lives of others. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognition of this true American hero.

THE WOUND, OSTOMY AND CONTINENCE NURSES SOCIETY

HON. JACK METCALF

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 1996

Mr. METCALF. Mr. Speaker, I rise to address the House and ask permission to extend and revise my remarks.

I am pleased to welcome the Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society [WOCN] to Seattle, WA on June 15-19, for their 28th annual conference. The theme of the conference, "The Future is Ours to Create," will focus on future opportunities and challenges relating to the changing and expanding role of ET (enterostomal therapists) nurses and other nurses specializing in wound, ostomy, and continence care.

Founded in 1968, the WOCN is the only national organization for nurses who specialize in the prevention of pressure ulcers and the management and rehabilitation of persons with ostomies, wounds, and incontinence. WOCN is a professional nursing society which supports its members by promoting educational, clinical and research opportunities, to advance the practice and guide the delivery of expert health care to individuals with wounds, ostomies and incontinence.

In this age of changing health care services and skyrocketing costs, the WOCN nurse plays an integral role in providing cost-effective care to patients. This year's Seattle conference will provide a unique opportunity for WOCN participants to learn about the most current issues and trends related to their practice. I wish WOCN every success in their conference.